

HUXLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

These minutes are as recorded by the City Clerk and are subject to City Council approval at the next regular council meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING: The Huxley City Council met on the above date pursuant to rules of the council, notice posted at City Hall, onto website and emailed to news media. Mayor Pro Tem Kuhn called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Kuhn, Roberts, Peterson, Easter; absent - Mulder

AGENDA APPROVAL: Motion by Peterson, second by Easter to approve agenda as presented. Roll Call: Kuhn, Roberts, Peterson, Easter voted yes. Motion carried.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: Rita Conner – City Administrator, Jolene Lettow – City Clerk, Gerry Stoll – Police Chief, Todd Moomaw – Fire Chief, Cathy Van Maanen - Library Director, Heather Denger – Parks and Recreation Director

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Forrest Aldrich - City Engineer/Veenstra & Kimm, Chip Schultz – Northland Public Finance

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION: City Administrator, Rita Conner, presented Firefighter Certifications to Firefighter Megan Brendeland and Firefighter/EMT Jenn Buckham.

Mayor entered meeting at 6:03pm

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Roberts, second by Peterson to approve Consent Agenda as listed:

- a. Minutes from September 8, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting
- b. Payment of Bills

Roll Call: Roberts, Kuhn, Peterson, Easter voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion – Roberts, Second – Easter on Resolution No. 20-090 Cambridge Law Enforcement Contract. Councilman Kuhn asked how contract amount was obtained. Chief Stoll responded City of Huxley uses same rate schedule as Story County. Roll Call: Easter, Peterson, Kuhn, Roberts voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion – Roberts, Second – Easter to Approve Posting Position for New Police Officer. Councilman Kuhn asked for statistics on numbers of police officers in local communities. Councilman Kuhn asked about status of other two positions that have not been filled. City Administrator replied that discussions could take place during Strategic Planning Process regarding those positions. Roll Call: Easter, Peterson, Kuhn, Roberts voted yes. Motion carried.

Motion – Roberts, Second – Easter on Resolution No. 20-091 to Approve Fiscal Year 2020 Balance Transfers. Councilman Kuhn asked for adjusted fund balances. Roll Call: Easter, Peterson, Kuhn, Roberts voted yes. Motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Motion – Roberts, Second – Easter on Resolution No. 20-092 for Contract for Professional Engineering Services with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc, for Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project. City engineer reported that SRF application had been submitted for project. Also reported that building design had been completed using 3% and 5% population increase options. Councilman Kuhn expressed concern with areas designated to be served by new facility and unfinished business with Iowa Rural Water Association (IRWA). City Administrator stated contract should be obtained with IRWA by end of year. City engineer commented that the city had enough growth potential with planned development to move forward with expansion. Roll Call: Roberts, Easter, Peterson voted yes; Kuhn voted no. Motion carried.

Motion – Roberts, Second – Easter on Resolution No. 20-093 on Contract for Professional Engineering Services with Veenstra & Kimm, Inc. for the Water Treatment Facility Expansion Project. Roll Call: Peterson, Easter, Roberts voted yes; Kuhn voted no. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Trick or Treat Night scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 6 to 8pm.
- Councilman Kuhn asked if Water Conservation ban should be lifted? Staff to consult with legal.
- Councilman Easter asked status of streetlights laying around town. Staff commented Alliant Energy will retrieve poles.
- Councilman Kuhn asked if DNR permit had been obtained to burn at Maintenance Shop.
- Mayor asked about status of damaged signs in town being replaced.
- Mayor suggested disbanding council subcommittees.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion - Peterson, second - Roberts to adjourn meeting at 7:04pm. 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Jolene R. Lettow, City Clerk